



FOSTERING SUSTAINABLE COOPERATION BETWEEN THE BALTIC SEA REGION AND UKRAINE

Dear colleagues,

Policy Area Education, Science and Social affairs invite you to take part in an online key-stakeholder workshop “**Distance education**” on 8 December 2022 at 14.00-16.00 (CET).

The workshop is part of an online conference, organized by the Swedish Presidency of the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region (EUSBSR). The conference will gather participants from the Baltic Sea Region, Ukraine and the EU Strategy for Danube Region for a discussion on **how the EUSBSR can promote cooperation to support the recovery of Ukraine**. Please find the conference programme attached.

To register for the workshop you click here, <https://forms.office.com/r/0biGuAJHR7>

THEME OF THE WORKSHOP: **Distance education – learning from each other's and developing measures together.**

During the outbreak of the covid-19, many teachers were required to make a shift into distance education. The following war in Ukraine made distance education a necessity for the Ukrainian school system. We have learnt a lot on how to make distance education not just possible but a well-functioning complement to traditional education in schools. More needs to be done to make distance education an acceptable and sometimes desired complement. Still, it is important to be aware of pitfalls and risks associated with distance learning. This initiative is about learning from each other's and to develop solutions together.

Who are the target groups for this workshop?

State agencies, regional authorities, municipalities, schools, teachers, ed-tech companies, students, parental organisations, and others with interest in the topic.

What is expected from you as a participant?

After a brief presentation of the topic, we will have a roundtable discussion where all the participants will have a chance to share experiences and provide their input regarding potential interest and contribution.

What are possible outcomes of the workshop?

- Develop initiatives with Ukrainian interest in focus
- Start forming a partnership for a joint platform for collaboration

Ultimately, depending on the willingness of potential partners, we aim at applying for funding for start building the platform for collaboration in the Baltic Sea region and Ukraine on the topic of distance education.

Workshop programme

14.00 – 14.10	EUSBSR – a platform for cooperation in the Baltic Sea Region, role of Policy Area Education
14.10 – 14.20	Short introduction to what so far has been done in the area of distance education within EUSBSR
14.20 – 15.20	Roundtable discussion
15.20 – 15.30	Summary

